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SUBJECT: YEMEN UNITY TALKS

SUMMARY. CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH PRESUMABLY
ELABORATING DOCUMENT WHICH YAR AND PDRY CAN BOTH
ADOPT AS PART OF PROJECTED UNIFICATION HAS FEHL FRUITLESS,
THREE DAY MEETING IN TAIZ.

1. HUSSAIN HUBAYSHI HAS RETURNED FROM ANOTHER THREE-DAY
MEETING OF YAR-PDRY "CONSITITUTIONAL COMMITTEE", WHICH
IS PRESUMABLY WORKING OUT A DOUCMENT WHICH WILL ALLOW
BOTH COUNTRIES TO UNITE.

2. COMMITTEE GOES BACK TO LATE 1972 DEAL WHICH THEN PRIME MINISTER
MUHSIN AL-AYNI WORKED OUT TO PAPER OVER DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN YAR AND PDRY. COUNTRIES WERE ON VERGE
OF WAR AT THE TIME. INCIDENTS IN SHAFEI SOUTH,
SOUTH ARABIAN EXILE ACTIVITIES, HAWKISH ZAYDIS,

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SAUDI PRESSURES, LED TO SEIZURE OF TERRITORY

AND RAIDS BY BOTH SIDES, UNIFICATION AGREEMENTS
TOOK THE HEAT OFF TEMPORARILY. THEY ALSO LED THE
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF THE TIME, IBRAHIM HAMD, I,
TO RESIGN IN PROTEST OF CONCILIATORY GESTURES TO
ADENI REGIME WHICH HAMD, I, THOUGH RAN RISK OF INCREASING RADICAL
INFLUENCE IN SANAA.

3. WHY CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES CONTINUE TO
MEET SO TEDIOUSLY--ALONG WITH EIGHT OTHER COMMITTEES,
ALSO DRAWING ON TOP OFFICIALS IN BOTH GOVERNMENTS--
IS SOMETHING OF A MYSTERY. COMMITTEES
PROVIDE FACADE OF GOOD FEELING AND ARE
SUBSTITUTE FOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, BUT NOT ONE
IS KNOWN EVER TO HAVE COME TO ANY AGREEMENT ON
ANYTHING.

4. HAMD, I, ASKED HUBAYSHI AFTER MOST RECENT MEETING
IN TAIZ WHAT HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED. HUBAYSHI REPLIED HE AND PDRY'S
ABDALLAH AL-KHAMIRI HAD SPENT THE TIME "GRINDING WATER".
HAMD, I, SEEMED SATISFIED.

5. HUBAYSHI SAYS YEMENIS ARE ALMOST COMPLETELY
UNINFORMED BY SAUDIS OF WHATEVER NEGOTIATIONS
ARE GOING ON WITH THE SOUTH. SOUTHERNERS,
BY SAME TOKEN, DO NOT RPT NOT USE YAR
OFFICIALS TO PASS MESSAGES TO SAUDIS. STORY IN
SANAA IS THAT KAMAL ADHAM HAS JUST BEEN TO ADEN
TO WRAP UP DEAL. HUBAYSHI SAYS HE BELIEVES ALL
NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN ADEN NOT BY
ADHAM BUT BY HADRAMI IN SAUDI INTELLIGENCE. HOWEVER,
HUBAYSHI SEEMS TO KNOW LITTLE ELSE ABOUT TALKS.

6. YEMENIS PROFESS TO WELCOME SAUDI EFFORTS TO
MODERATE SOUTH, BUT ARE SKEPTICAL THAT EFFORTS ARE
GOING TO LEAD TO ANYTHING WITH ENTRENCHED RADICAL ELEMENTS
IN SOUTH. PERHAPS FOR SAME REASON, YAR FIGURES LIKE
HUBAYSHI-- AND PRESUMABLY ZAYDI ARMY
OFFICER MAMD, I,--NOT ONLY DO NOT RPT NOT WANT

UNITY, THEY DO NOT WANT EVEN COOPERATION
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WITH SOUTH IN TECHNICAL AREAS OR ECONOMIC DOMAIN.
COMMENT: SHOULD SAUDI BREAKTHROUGH OF SOME
SORT OCCUR, QUESTIONS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN
TWO YEMENS COULD BECOME MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE,
PARTICULARLY IF SAUDIS HOPE TO PURSUE POLICY DIVIDING
RADICALS FROM OTHER SECTORS OF SOUTHERN
SOCIETY, ENCOURAGING MODERATES, ESTABLISHING
STAKES IN MODERATION FOR PDRY GOVERNMENT. YAR

MIGHT OFFER TO DO JOINT ROAD PROJECTS OR PORT
PROJECTS WITH PDRY TO BACK UP PARALLEL SAUDI AID
EFFORTS. HAMDI WILL HAVE TO BE CONVINCED OF
VALUE OF THIS COURSE. SAUDI-ADENI NEGOTIATIONS
MAY BE AT TOO DELICATE (AND STILL UNCERTAIN) A STAGE TO OPEN
SUBJECT WITH YEMENIS, BUT WE THINK SAUDIS
SHOULD PLAN ON BRIEFING YAR OFFICIALS AT SOME POINT
AND TRYING TO WORK OUT COMMON APPROACH TO WHAT WILL
HOPEFULLY BE A NEW SITUATION. ALSO, IF USG MAKES
BILATERAL MOVE IN WAKE OF ANY SAUDI BREADTHROUGH, STRONGLY
BELIEVE YARG OFFICIALS SHOULD BE BRIEFED.
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